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MAINTENANCE CREW OF THE YEAR—The Montana Highway Users Federation awarded a plaque to the Browning section crew this year in the second annual "Maintenance Man of the Year" award contest. Usually, outstanding maintenance personnel are nominated and selected on an individual basis. However, this year the entire crew was selected because of the diligent effort of all members of the team. Part of the nomination stated that "during the period of December 1971 through March 1972, this team fought snow night and day without normal days off to promote safety to the traveling public. They extended courtesy to the traveling motorists beyond the call of duty. We are very proud to be able to select such an outstanding crew." The men are shown receiving their plaque from Robert Dye, left, chairman of the Highway Users, at a luncheon held September 26 in Helena as part of National Highway Week. Left to right, the crew members are Robert C. Bremmer, section supervisor (holding plaque); Alfred J. Smith, Fred Des Rosier, Marvin W. Sollars, and Charles Bird. Shortly after the presentation was made, the maintenance crew hurried back to Browning to find a six and one-half inch snowfall requiring immediate attention.

School Crosswalk Supervisors Trained

The Department of Highways, through the traffic design unit, has contracted to administer and evaluate an Adult School Crossing Supervisor program for the Highway Traffic Safety Office. The program is a pilot study and is the first such program among state highway departments.

Doug Morgan of the traffic design unit is program director and he has scheduled a series of workshops which began with a two-day session September 12-13 in Helena.

The workshops are aimed at training adults to regulate school crosswalks and to educate young people on proper safety methods. Participants in the first session were supervisors and school administrators from key cities in the state, and one observer from Utah, which is planning a similar program.

The role of the traditional school crossing guard is fairly well understood, since his duties normally consist of selecting and holding gaps in traffic flow to allow school-aged pedestrians to cross the street. The goal now is to allow children to develop the judgment to s a f e l y cross the streets by selecting their own gaps, under the watchful eye of a supervisor.

Eight supervisors have been appointed initially in critical areas around the state which had been pinpointed for help. These areas had adequate traffic "gaps", numerous students, and a history of complaints. The supervisor will not be used to escort children across the street, but will observe the crossing techniques used by the students and make on-the-spot corrections when needed. The basic premise of the program is to give supervisors, and through them, the children, a feel for the "utilize the existing safe gaps for crossing" philosophy.

The supervisors are laymen—housewives, professional people, students and others. The Highway Traffic Safety Office will fund the program to the extent that the training, equipment and base wages ($8 a day) of the supervisors would be paid. Thus, there will be no cost to the school districts for uniforms, per diem, or salaries, at least this year.

At the first s e s s i o n , discussion group leaders were Captain Ernest DeDyker, Montana Highway Patrol; Greg Jackson, Department of Highways; Sgt. Burt Sanguine, Helena Police Department; Leon Schneider, Highway Traffic Safety Division; and Morgan.

"The Long Walk", a new traffic safety film on crosswalks, was shown the participants.

Maintenance Workshop Held In Bozeman

Staff members of the Department of Highways from Bozeman and Helena headquarters took part October 26th and 27th in an Intergovernmental Workshop for Maintenance of Secondary Roads at Montana State University, Bozeman. The workshop was sponsored by MSU's Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, in cooperation with the Montana Association of County Commissioners, the Montana Department of Highways and the Montana Highway Traffic Safety Office.

Richard L. Miller, chief, field maintenance bureau, Bozeman, re-

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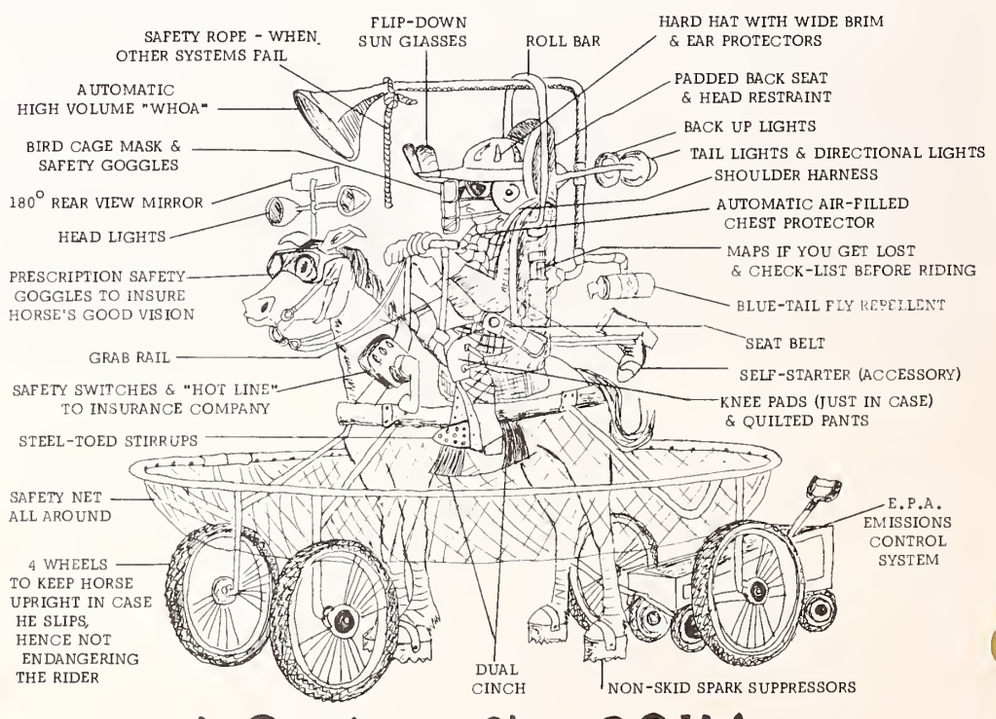
News items of interest to Highway Department employees are invited. They should be given to the correspondents listed above.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FLIP-DOWN SUN GLASSES
ROLL BAR
HARD HAT WITH WIDE BRIM & EAR PROTECTORS
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MAPS IF YOU GET LOST & CHECK-LIST BEFORE RIDING
PRESCRIPTION SAFETY GOGGLES TO INSURE HORSE'S GOOD VISION
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DUAL CINCH
NON-SKID SPARK SUPPRESSORS

A Cowboy after O.S.H.A.

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viewed the "Services Available from the Montana Department of Highways." Miller also discussed "Sealcoating and Patching." John J. Walsh, special assignments, in charge of bridge inspection for the Department of Highways, Helena, talked on "Inspection and Maintenance of Small Bridges."

Clinton P. Fulkerson, safety supervisor of the safety section, Montana Department of Highways, explored the topic, "Maximizing Safety in the Maintenance and Construction of Secondary Roads and Streets."

Wayne Ford, Glacier County road superintendent; Leon Schneider, Montana Highway Traffic Safety Office, and Alfred C. Scheer, professor of Civil Engineering at MSU, were also on the roster of featured speakers.

A representative of Roy Jorgensen Associates, Inc., spoke on "Maintenance Management in Thinly Populated Counties and Small Cities."

The workshop was open to all city and county personnel and engineers within the state.

Heroic Act

An act of heroism on the part of three of our highway boys went unmentioned in our local newspaper (Great Falls Tribune), but we are sure going to let you know that Chuck Stephens, Frank Robinson and Jerry Mans did try to save the lives of a father and his one-year-old daughter who both drowned while fishing near where the boys were working.

Chuck jumped into the 30-feet-deep water when he saw the little girl go under the water, but she was gone by the time he reached her. To so unselfishly act without a thought of his own safety makes us proud of him and the boys and to know they are a part of our highway family.

Chuck Stephens is a rodman; Frank Robinson is a manager—field project unit 1; and Gerry Mans is an instrumentman.

—Ciel Tinelli, Great Falls

Rest Area Exhibit Case

The rest area exhibit case, above, is one of two new display structures designed and built for the Miles City division by Darrel F. Gudmundson, sign painter in the Miles City division. The cases are located on I-94 (eastbound) 7 miles east of Rosebud or 26 miles west of Miles City and, west bound, 6 miles east of Rosebud or 27 miles west of Miles City. In addition to the attractive design of the cases, Dean Seiler, chief of the Miles City field maintenance bureau, calls attention to the ample size available for exhibits: a 6' by 8' center and two 4' by 6' sides. Gudmundson also designed and produced the large colored map of Montana and its road network for the displays. Goodie, as he is known around the office and shop, has worked for the department 36 years and 4 months.

Department Celebrates Highway Week

Highlights of Montana Department of Highways participation in National Highway Week (September 24-30) included a luncheon, a road dedication, press kits, Governor's proclamation, special TV programs and interviews, radio announcements and interviews, and the traffic design unit's new crosswalk safety film, "The Long Walk" was shown.

The luncheon in Helena was jointly sponsored by the National Highway Users Federation, Montana Contractors Association and the Montana Automobile Dealers Association. Kitty Sullivan, Helena, Miss Montana Highways, graced the speakers table at the luncheon. The Highway Users honored the maintenance crew of the year with the presentation of a beautifully designed plaque (see photo and story, page 1) and Highway Commission members and Department of Highways officials were guests at the luncheon.

Commission Chairman George Vucanovich and Miss Montana Highways cut ribbons in the double dedication of 21 miles of Interstate 15 north of Great Falls, Conrad north and south and Valier north and south. Although the dedication was held prior to Highway Week, speakers tied it in to the festivities. Following an auto caravan tour of the new sections, officials of the cities involved staged a luncheon for the visitors and speakers.

Edna M. Johns, lab tech III, was interviewed on KBLL radio about her job at the materials bureau. The emphasis was on "women in the technical or engineering field" and the interview was arranged by Terry Bass, Montana Contractors Association (and former Department employee.)

The Sunday school teacher gave her class a talk on sin, prayer, and asking forgiveness by praying. When she had finished the lesson, she asked little Susie, "What do we have to do before we ask the Lord to forgive us?"

"Sin," replied Susie confidently.

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Glendive

Nancy Siegle

Our division traffic engineer, Don Williams, and Gerald Kuester, division office engineer, came across this sign while traveling in southeastern Montana. Don, being division traffic engineer, took special notice of it.

A service award honoring a Glendive maintenance employee was recently presented at the Department of Highways to Floyd Schram, Jr. He was presented with a sapphire lapel pin and a certificate of appreciation for his 25 years of service with the department. He is a maintenanceman V, motor patrol operator in the summer and a Sno-go rotary operator in the winter, covering all highways in southeastern Montana.

Summer helper Janette Legato is no longer with us, as neither is summer. She has once again become a housewife and is anxiously awaiting the birth of their second child, due in February.

Service awards honoring two Glendive construction employees were recently presented to Dave McCloy and Clifford Neiffer. Dave McCloy received a sapphire lapel pin and certificate of appreciation for his 25 years of service. Dave is presently assigned at Sidney as manager of Crane-Sidney project. Clifford Neiffer received his 15-year pin and certificate of appreciation. His present assignment is project manager for the construction of six major structures in the Wibaux area.

It's hard to believe that summer is over and winter is almost upon us. With the little snow storm we had several weeks ago came the servicing of snow plows, road reports and a couple stray weather reports. Of course, the usual winter coats, gloves, hats and even overshoes were seen. Oh, I hate the thought!

We hear that Carol Curtiss (former reporter) who quit in February because her husband wanted her to be home, is going to add another member to their family. Little Curtiss will be seen early in 1973.

Due to a few minor conflicts, the two homes of Bob Eggebrecht and Ross Major that were anticipated to be completed by this time, are still a little on the unfinished side. After waiting 2½ months for his cupboards to arrive, Bob was frantically disappointed when he discovered the wrong size was sent. So the long wait is on again. Ross is at a standstill at the moment while he is waiting for his perfa-taper to begin and complete his work. We wish these two guys luck in getting into their new homes—by spring of 1973!

Butte

Karen Markovich

We wish to extend our sympathy to Frank Caprara and his family on the death of his mother.

Service pins and certificates were recently received by Gary Haven, 10 years; Mary Hughes, 5 years; Irene Moran will receive her 30 year pin shortly; George Buckman, 20 years; Delbert Michels, 15 years; Kiernan Minehan, 25 years; and our apologies to any we may have missed. Congratulations for your loyal service to the department.

We missed a newcomer to the Jack Giles family in July: Jack is a R/W agent in the Butte division, and became the father of a bouncing baby boy, John J.

The big wedding of Joan Sullivan, clerk I, in the main office to John P. Powers took place October 14. A very gala event it was. The couple have gone to Seattle, Canada, and parts of Nevada for their honeymoon. They will be at home at 1 E. LaPlatta.

Cupid's dart has hit another—our Office Manager Cliff Dean has announced his engagement to Vi Davies. When he comes down from "cloud nine" maybe we'll find out the wedding date.

Our painter, Bill McBride, has made his own Centerline news this time, after letting us know his feelings on not having news last time for Centerline. Congratulations to you and your new bride, Bill.

We want to send our good luck to the Jack Colvin family. Jack is a division office manager I. His wife, Thelma, is leaving for Salt Lake for the first of two hip operations. They have a long siege ahead of them and we hope everything turns out well.

We welcome Don O'Neill as a new member of the Butte division. Don is helping out in the Butte lab.

A retirement party was held at Lydia's Supper Club September 29th in honor of three maintenance supervisors: Don Tash, Whitehall; Joe Pinkerman, Anaconda, and Charles Pierce, MacDonald Pass. Don Tash has been employed by the department since July 24, 1933. He started as a truck driver and worked his way up to supervisor. Joe Pinkerman has been employed for 35 years. He also started as a truck driver. Charles (Joe) Pierce has been employed for 36 years, and started as a truck driver. Best of retirement to all of you. The men who will be filling these shoes are Ellis Kelly, MacDonald Pass, and Norman Hester, Anaconda.

Lab news: Carl and Rose Hussein celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary the 15th of October. Hope you have 25 more happy, happy years.

Frank Kane, parts manager in the Butte shop, fell in "cold storage" and cracked his wrist. Frank has his bandage changed every day—we don't know if he was afraid of the doctor or the cast!

Lou Guidoni, a former state highway employee, will celebrate his golden wedding the 28th of October. We wish you the best.

Judy (Combo) Strom, our former Centerline journalist, has retired to become a housewife and mother. She is soon hoping to be in her new home and welcoming a new addition to their family. Best of luck and good wishes to her.

Our new Centerline journalist is Karen Markovich, a single, (but promised), fun-loving gal—congratu-

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lations Karen, we know you'll do a fine job.

The division is happy to report that our Butte State Employees Federal Credit Union is growing by leaps and bounds. After only being in operation a short 2½ years, our Credit Union has approximately 275 members and $80,000 in assets, including $20,000 in savings. This Credit Union serves state employees at the present time in five different state agencies and is expanding rapidly. Any state employee who lives in or is headquartered out of Silver Bow county is eligible to join and any member of his or her family living in that household.

Kalispell

—Bob Finley—

After a summer that was a tribute to the expression Tempus Fugit, our fall has come to Flathead and the beautiful array of colors that Mother Nature has provided is matched only by the new wardrobe of shirts being displayed by Marshall Beatty.

It is also the season for the swelling of necks on the local nimrods and the early bull season produced a few. Gale Barton bagged a nice six point bull wapiti, and Bob Finley is dining "royally" on a seven pointer. Lorren "Deacon" Dollan has applied for a trapping permit for the vicious Muridai Sylvaticus. Lorren and his wife are both very active in both church and Sunday School and he is an officer in the Lutheran Church.

Bill Hebert is touring Washington and California, Floyd Pauli is in California and Arizona, and Bill Delaney, sectionman from Polson, is touring Minnesota. Harry Roedel, who retired last year, dropped by to chat and sip some java. Harry looks great. He had quite a jolt just prior to his retirement, when the truck he was spreading sand with was hit.

New members of the diaper brigade include Bert Johnson's baby boy, born September 23, and John Kalien became the granddaddy of a 10 pound "Goldilocks." The local hospital also hosted Lorren Claridge after a motorcycle accident and he is sporting a plaster and gauze cast. Jeanette Strobbe is recuperating from back surgery and August says she is doing great. Would like to extend condolences to our head of motor pool division, Mel Mumbower, whose mother and mother-in-law both passed away.

Mary Ellen Connelly was named (get this for a monicker) State Chairman for Law Observance and Crime Prevention, Department of Public Affairs, Montana Federation of Womens Clubs. This title is about four syllables longer than the holder is. She has also slipped into the office with a dash of paint here and there, as she and spouse Jim are painting their chateau.

Arrangements are nearly completed for the annual (hope it will be) Christmas party at the Mountain View Lodge. Don Mathiesen said he could not have picked a better spot as it is right around the corner. I think the persons responsible for all the work that goes into such a party are Pat Taylor and Linda Miller . . . I would like to extend my gratitude to them publicly.

Marvel Nichol

The other lady gracing our office is Marvel Nichol who has been with the state for 17 years last July. Marvel is a clerk V and is fully recovered from a serious auto accident some time back. Marvel's better half is affectionately known as Nick but his real handle is Henrie. Nick works as an appraiser for Flathead County. Nick and Marvel have two children, Sharon who lives in Tacoma and Ronald who lives in Kalispell. The two children have blessed them with six grandchildren, five frauleins and one Herr. Marvel was born in Minnesota and came to the Flathead at the age of six. She has four brothers and one sister, who all reside here in the Flathead. Marvel is a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church where she is very active. She was a former Sunday School teacher and head of the Altar Guild. Her hobbies include sewing, gardening and camping in their recently-acquired 21 foot travel trailer.

May

Another member of the MHDers who has been around for 15 years or so is Bob May. Bob is the happy-go-lucky lad in the shop who runs around whistling a merry tune and he carries his music with him to Moose's or Charlie's where he twitters out "Music to Watch Girls By." Bob's wife Jackie works at Montgomery Wards. The eldest daughter Gail, 19, attended Kinman Business College and is now employed in Spokane in a jewelry store. Daughter Reta, 18, is now attending Billings Business College. Bob was born in Great Falls and came to Kalispell along with his sister when he was only two. He is a member of the West Valley Volunteer Fire Department and his hobbies are snowcatting (ugh), trail riding and girl watching. (This information was supplied to your correspondent who assumes no responsibility for veracity.)

We have two more couples brave enough to say "I do"—Howard Fauley and Judy married October 11th, and Ken Blush and Helen married October 14th.

Now I have to slip down to the basement and load up some cordite for a trip for the Prairie Hoppers, Loppers, Stinking Goats or any other name for the noble pronghorns.

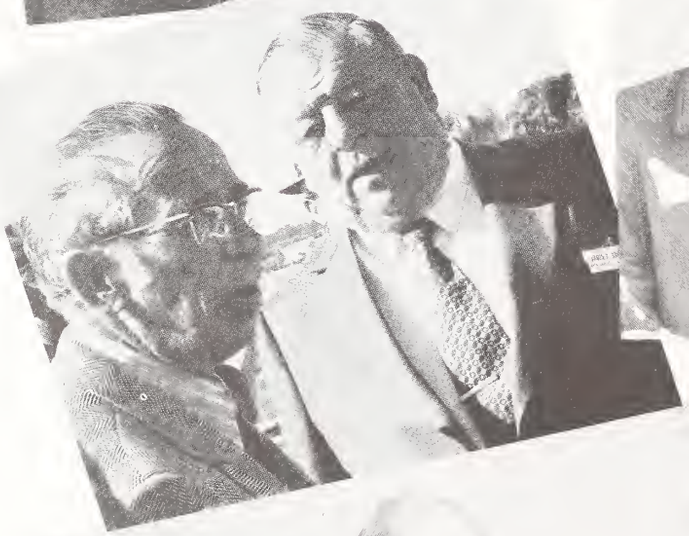
Conrad, Valier

Twenty-one miles of Interstate highway, including 14 bridges and interchanges, were completed and opened to traffic following ceremonies September 22.

The new sections were on Interstate 15 located four miles south of Conrad and extending north to the Toole county line, in the Great Falls division. James Sullivan, division construction engineer, handled arrangements for the triple ribbon cutting.

Robert Emrick, Pondera county commissioner served as master of ceremonies, with the Conrad High School band playing the Star Spangled Banner and the Rev. Philip Walborn giving the invocation.

The ribbon cutting was highlighted by the appearance of Kitty Sullivan, Miss Montana Highways, who cut the ribbon jointly with George Vucanovich, Montana Highway Commission chairman. Other officials in attendance were Harold Stewart, Montana



edication on I-15

division engineer, Federal Highway Administration; Homer Wheeler, construction bureau chief, Montana Department of Highways; Harry King, chairman of the Pondera county commissioners; Ben Briscoe, retired district engineer, MDH; and John Larsen, president of the Conrad Chamber of Commerce.

Following the ribbon cutting and formal opening of the interchange at the north edge of Conrad, David Ratzburg and Frank Iverson, in their vintage Model T's, led the parade to the south end of the new highway where Harry King, John Larsen and Miss Montana Highways cut the ribbon to open that portion of the new road. The parade then progressed to the north end of the highway, at the Pondera-Toole county line, and Harry Benjamin, Judge McPhillips and Kitty cut the ribbon to complete the official opening of the $10,895,000 project.

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Bozeman

—Barbara McGuire—

For our featured employee this month we chose one of the smartest employees in the division. With nasty weather being foreeast, he and his wife are taking off for Hawaii for two weeks. Now, that's smart, right??

Ford

Now, with that over, please meet Billy C. Ford. Fifty pereent of you already know him from his exploits in the bowling meets . . . or the golf tournaments . . . or . . . horseshoe pitehing meets . . . or . . . (going back a bit) in the softball eircles of the state. For the other 50% of you, here are some facts about our congenial shop foreman: Billy C. says he's eligible to run for president because he was born in a log eabin 22 miles north of Belgrade. He grew up in and around Belgrade and married his wife, Ethel, there. They have two sons, Dean, stationed with the Army in San Francisco, and Doug, who is employed by Gallatin county. He came to work for the Department of Highways in 1948. Have a niee trip, Bill and Ethel, and DON'T forget the grass skirts . . .

Ronda Planiehek was Trophy Queen for the championship races at the Hub of the Valley Speedway in September where she reeeived 18 smackers, three of which went to Barbara McGuire's husband, Red. Red picked up trophies for High Point Modified Driver, Favorite Driver and Sportsmanship Award. He also won the Modified Championship at the Butana Speedway in Butte. Like they say—may the best man win—and he did. Rah, rah, rah!

The football season is in full swing and Patricia Letendre is swinging. Her only complaint is that the rest of the crowd stares at her when she cheers for her sons.

Hup Davis is returning to work after recovering from major surgery. He has been in to visit us and is looking good.

Harold Roby is sorry he didn't buy shares in an oil company beeause of all the trips he took to and from Missoula to get his daughter, Kristine, settled in school.

The annual tour of the maintenance seetion houses was completed smoothly—EXCEPT—that the driver, after all these years, had to get lessons in the proper manipulation of the heating system. I believe his name is Dennis Williams.

Birthdays celebrated in the division offiee lately were Doris Johnson, Dennis Williams and Ronda Planiehek.

Service awards were presented to Rieh Saltzman, 20 years: Bill Steele, 25 years; Les Engen, 20 years; and Bud Chapman, 15 years.

Our sympathy to Joe Maxwell on the death of his father, Elton Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell passed away after an extended illness.

Wolf Point

—Ollie Hauge—

A long-time employee, Loran Rummel, reeently retired after 20 years of service. He was headquartered at Malta. We wish him many happy retirement years.

Don Nedrud, after having recently entered matrimony, resigned to go on to a higher education. He is now enrolled in Bozeman. He had been employed for the past two years as a clerk V in the Wolf Point office.

We have two new additions to the office force. Betty Lou Stone, a clerk II, is 21, married and has a little boy. She enjoys hunting and fishing. Diana Rae Casey is our new steno. She is 19 and married. Her hobbies inelude horseback riding, swimming, waterskiing, and sewing.

We extend our sympathies to Dean and Esther Borgen on the death of his sister.

Orville Ingebretson, maintenanceman I, recently returned after a two and one-half week illness. It's good to have him back.

Leroy Anderson, our instrumentman, has just returned to us after having been in the hospital undergoing surgery. He gave the nurses such a bad time though that they decided to get rid of him after six days. Sure hope he's feeling a lot better now.

Dewey Novakovich, manager- field project unit, is now temporarily located in the Glendive division supervising a eonstruction project there.

Some of the office staff got together and held a surprise housewarming for Gunner Brenden, our office manager. He is the proud owner of a new home on the northside.

And as for the rest of the gang, they're all wrapped up in the hunting season and the World Series.

Havre

—Edna Hess—

Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Markuson are the proud parents of a boy born September 13 and he has been named Brent Alan. Lyn is an engineering aide II and works with Jim Dolan and his crew in the Shelby area.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seiler on September 22 and has been named Shari Lynn. Rich is an engineering aide II and works with Mike Kelly and his crew in the Browning area.

Charter Flight to Europe Summer 1973

The Montana Credit Unions League is proposing a flight to Europe for 1973. An early summer trip is being planned to accommodate school employees who have been unable to participate in previous trips because of school opening dates.

Joe Kintli is again helping with the arrangements and he would like to get an indication of how many people would be interested in a flight that departed June 20 and returns July 14.

For more information write Montana Credit Union Charter Flights, P.O. Box 703, Helena, Mont. 59601.

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Great Falls

—Ciel Tinelli—

Our sympathy is extended to Phil McLaughlin, serviceman, on the recent death of his sister in Seattle and to his parents, Mayor and Mrs. McLaughlin.

And now for the bright side of things, guess who is a new Grandpa? None other than Ray Wiley. Mathew Christian was born in Seattle in August to Ken, No. 1 son. Frances and Ray are now in Seattle along with the great-great-grandparents from Lewistown, and we extend congratulations to all.

We welcome Ross Renick, formerly with Bison Motors, who has been hired as our new mechanic. His wife's name is Dorothy and they have three boys. Ross likes to hunt and bowl so should fit in just fine with this bunch.

Mike Taylor, Cascade maintenanceman, will spend Christmas in Hawaii visiting his sister. He claims his first and only plane ride was from Craig to Wolf Creek so is looking forward to jet-streaming over the blue Pacific. Ken Trovatten was both lucky and unlucky on his recent vacation. He hit two deer at Buffalo, Wyo., damaged the front of his car, but was able to continue on with his trip, unhurt. Clyde Foster, not to be outdone, lent his car to his niece while he was in Seattle, and she crinkled up one side of it just several blocks from her home.

Virginia Dunn

We recently honored Virginia Dunn with cake, coffee and a gift here at the office in our conference room. Ginny, who was with the department for ten years, has taken a medical disability retirement. We already miss her but hope she can regain her health and enjoy life, especially in her little hide-a-way in Monarch Canyon.

Speedy Gonzales beat the city cop onto the highway grounds one fine August morning, but the crazy flashing red lights just kept on coming. When a good looking face with pearly teeth said "So sorry, but . . .", Elaine Reeves almost dropped dead —and paid the fine.

Jim Ellis and Elmer Richards will occupy a part of the new garage as their headquarters. To celebrate the house warming, Nancy Richardson, our contestant for Miss Montana Highways, cut the ribbon and the office girls, all four of us, served and ate coffee and cookies, with Jim and Elmer, of course.

Ken Fisher, rodman, transferred to the Butte construction office on Oct. 16th. Jim Hofland recently took an appraisal course sponsored by the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers in Seattle. Milt Ingersoll and Art Baranko attended the Weed Control Program in Lewistown.

As to the goings-on of some of the rest of us around here—hunting and ball playing (foot and base) are the main issuse at present. Gene Hodges is still teaching classes in dog obedience. Garry Franklin is tooting away in the Elks Drum and Bugle Corps. Nancy Richardson is still collecting trophies for driving her own Pinto in precision driving tests. Ed Elam is our stock car racer. Helen Hogan is now the new treasurer of the West Side Boy Scouts. Ed Mans did all his own remodeling and renovating of the old original Mans homestead, and oh yes, his wife, Vera, had major surgery, and is now looking fit as a fiddle. Dale Sirucek has been goat hunting and lucky, too, on his new Kawasaki motor bike. Jim Hein has been hunting south of Dodson and by the way, he and his party, which included his brother George and Doug Durocher of the Lewistown division, got ten Canadian honkers this last trip out. Clarence Christianson is teaching his wife to hunt bear and we hear she would have had one had Chris gotten out of her way. Ed Strainer is hunting for antique bottles and also revamping an antique motor car. I'm told that Harry Strong has developed into a gourmet rabbit cook. He insists he has 20 different recipes that are all finger-lickin' good.

Lewistown

—Bea Knerr—

Henry "Hank" Lengemann has retired after nearly 32 years of work with the Montana Department of Highways, effective October 13th.

Lengemann first worked with the Department in 1933, however records were destroyed in a fire. He again worked for the department in 1936. He recalled that when he worked for the department in 1933 it was with Otto Henschel at Winnett. There were no mowers to cut weeds and so Lengemann and Henschel cut weeds along the roadway between Winnett and Mosby with a scythe and a hoe!

The long-term employment began April 12, 1941. There were no mechanical loaders in the early days, with shovels being used to load trucks. Lengemann built the first slip loader used in the department in the early 1940's, and the design was copied by other department section crews in the area. The slip loaders were used until the first power loaders were made available in about 1945 or 1946.

Lengemann and Bill Klindt also designed a steel post driver to be used on a dump truck. This device was so effective that the department head in the Lewistown district sent out a man to copy the design to build a similar device. The driver is used for driving steel posts in the fall when snow fences are set up.

In December, 1970 Lengemann was presented with a 30-year service pin and a citation from Lewis M. Chittim, state highway engineer, who said "You have performed an outstanding service for the Montana State Highway Commission through your many years of working in and around the Winnett area, and I know from personal contact with the many people in that area that you are highly respected . . ."

Mr. and Mrs. Lengemann plan to leave on a vacation trip to visit in Iowa, Missouri and Colorado.

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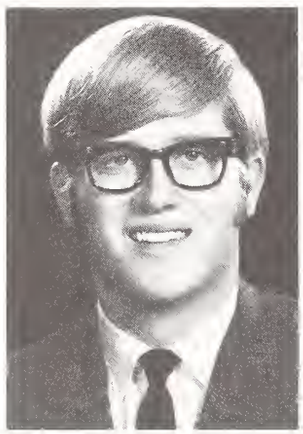
Miles City

—Jean Sweeney—

Gary and Linda Gran are the proud parents of a baby girl born October 17 in a Miles City hospital. She has been named Nicole Marie and checked in at 6 pounds and 11 ounces. Gary is traffic recorder in the Planning and Research bureau.

George (Babe) Mickus, GVW Scale Supervisor, left October 28 for Minneapolis where he underwent open heart surgery at the University of Minnesota hospital. The operation went very well and he is getting along fine. His wife, Agnes, is with him. He will be off work for about two months.



McRae

Rodney D. McRae, maintenanceman (summer employee), son of Don and Ina McRae, division office engineer III, enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, leaving Miles City September 10th for the Marine base, San Diego, for his initial training. He is following in Dad's footsteps in joining the Marines, as Don was in the Marines and served his country in World War II. Rod is at Camp Pendleton at the present time and expects to be home for Christmas.

Diane Blow, daughter of Glenn and Phyllis Blow, maintenanceman, was in a serious car wreck and underwent surgery for several hours. She is now out of the hospital and doing very well. However, it was a very close call and she is a very lucky girl.

William J. Popp, engineering aide II, in the Miles City division with Claude Taylor's crew, has resigned from the Highway Department and is leaving Miles City for Oklahoma, where he will enter a barber school.

Billings

—James Young—

The Bradford Roofing Company of Billings has been remodeling the roof of the Billings office for the past month. New roof drains have been installed and the pitch of the roof has been changed. W. F. Woolston, maintenance chief, remarked that the old flat roof was in need of repairs. Rain and melted snow would often stand in puddles on the roof for weeks. With the new center drain the building should be better than originally designed.

Norm Gutcher, division traffic engineer, is attending a three week traffic course at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Peg Taylor, clerk typist, and John Kosak resigned in October.

Dave Keehn and his wife are the parents of a 7-pound baby boy. Dave, who is in charge at the machine or blacksmith shop, has four boys and one girl.

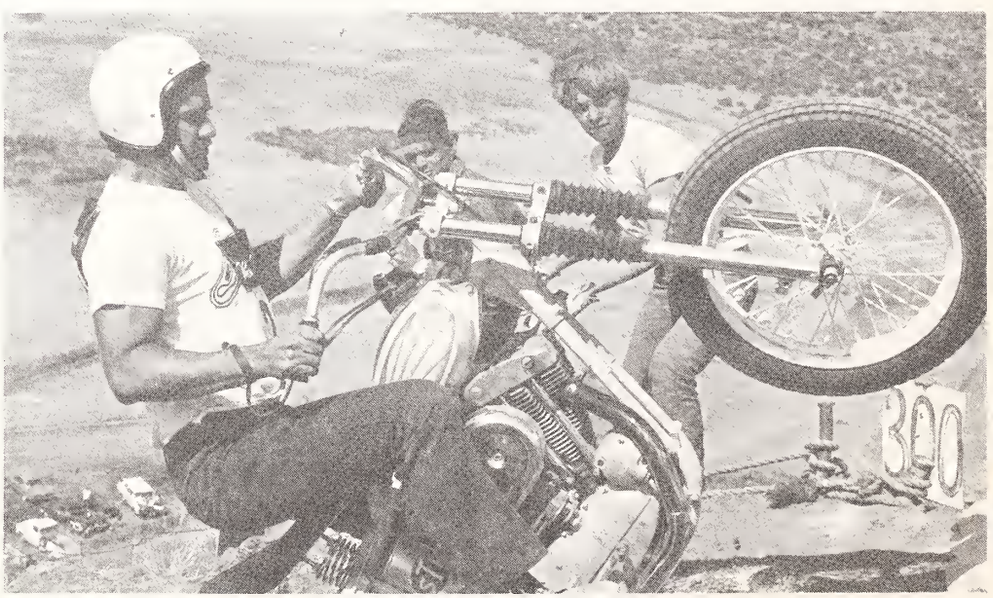
Vacations make big news! Jim Cook, field project manager II, and his wife flew to Hawaii for two weeks in October. Jim is a stockholder in Western Airlines and was entitled to a special tour. The weather was beautiful according to Jim, and the fresh pineapple which he treated to the office force was delicious!

John Michunovich, right of way agent II, visited relatives in Argentina. John flew via Pan American to Buenos Aires and visited with relatives before flying to Chaco province for a reunion with other members of his father's family. Argentina is a mixture of the old and new. Traffic in Buenos Aires is wild—everyone goes any direction at any intersection honking the horn and no one gets mad, according to John. The first one to the intersection "usually" gets the right of way. Chaco province is quite primitive; cooking is done on charcoal and making of charcoal is an industry. He was wined and dined and was treated to four barbeques of lamb and goat and all the "trimmings." One of his relatives, a girl of 21, had never been to a large town. John said that it was surely good to return home.

Betty Payne and her husband, Jack, spent two weeks in September visiting friends and relatives in Illinois, Kentucky, Arkansas, Iowa, and North Dakota.

Ken Bowersox, field project manager II, and family were also vacationing in the Middle West.

Frank Moore, mechanic, is an announcer for motorcycle and race track drivers. He has been announcing for the past four years. His wife is also a program director. Frank started racing in 1951 in Illinois and has driven stock cars, snowmobiles, and motorcycles and has entered several hill climbs. He has won over 80 trophies. "For thrills and spills, you can't beat the sport," he said. Frank and his wife have two children.



Merritt Chamberlain

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Merritt Chamberlain, rodman, began racing motorcycles and hill climbing in 1961. He is an outstanding performer on the quarter and half mile tracks. He started hill climbing the same year and holds the fastest time of 6.60 on the steepest hill presently being used for hill climbing in the United States. This hill is 300 feet high with 100 feet on an 87 percent grade and is located in Billings. Merritt is a nine-time Montana State Hill Climb Champion. He won the Northwest Hill Climb in 1966, the Tri-State Championship Trophy, placed second in the Canadian American Series Hill Climb in 1972, placed third in 1971, and hopefully first place next year!

Mark Chamberlain, Merritt's brother, races and jumps motorcycles. Mark is a former state employee and had an unfortunate accident this summer. His new crash helmet blocked his view for an instant and the landing was quite rough. The latest report is that Mark has recovered as all cycle jumpers do!

Don Favero and Dick Shipman attended a signing seminar in Helena.

Gym Rawlins and her husband, Joe, were on a vacation in Western Montana and spent twenty minutes stalled between floors in an elevator. After taking turns punching buttons, they finally arrived in the basement!

The Billings division held an employees' golf tourney on October 23. Those participating were: C. W. Klimper, Earl Brown, Joe Gallagher, Bill Arnold, Ted Weiss, Lee Anderson, W. F. Woolston, Ray Jackson, Dale Arthun, R. Conklin, and many others.

Dave Garton, president of the Billings Coin Club, was pictured in the Billings Gazette Sunday, October 22. Dave and George Hein have been members for several years and have helped make each year's coin show better than the last. Ray Jackson was lucky at the door prize drawing by winning the second prize of a $5 gold piece. The 1901 Liberty gold piece is worth about $60 on today's market. Dave's daughter was also pictured in Monday's Gazette. Phil Bell, a former highway employee, now photographer for the paper, took the pic of Dave.

In the Billings Golf Tourney Russ Conklin placed first, Earl J. Brown was second and Bill Arnold placed third on the Veteran's Day meet. Other flag prizes went to Ray Jackson, Arnie and Ted Weiss, Lee Anderson and John Miner.

Mrs. Ribera, from Buenos Aires, Argentina, is visiting the Jerry Fagan home. Jerry is a detailer in the Billings design section.

Hunting is not the best, report Billings hunters: Only a few have reported tagging deer, goose hunters have had no better luck, maybe even worse. John Michunovich said his decoys have been shot seven times—you might paint them orange, John, at least you could come home with the decoys in good shape.

Missoula

—Clara Neely—

Ray Hoffman and Jim Smith have had a busy summer, coaching a team of Babe Ruth League players, ranging in age from 13 to 15 years. There are eight teams in the league, with 15 members per team. Activity starts in June and ends in August. The team finished third in city league play. Two of the boys were selected for the all-star team, with one of them being Morgan, son of Jim Smith.

Hoffman, Smith

Gilbert Dopp, division office engineer III, has resigned and is now in the real estate field with one of our former employees, Doug Johnson.

Russ Thompson, office manager, has been on sick leave since September 1.

Teddy Deschamps, rodman, has been transferred to the Butte division for assignment to a structural contract near Whitehall.

Members of Local 1199 are making plans for the annual Christmas party, which will be held on December 8 at the Moose Club in Missoula. Arrangements have already been made for the dinner and the orchestra. Hope to see all of you at the party.

Ancel Stenseth, who formerly worked in design with Jim Smith, visited briefly in the Missoula office, while enroute to Quito, Ecudaor to spend a year in pursuit of further education. We are happy to report that he is finding time to do a bit of promoting for Montana. A card from him requested literature from Montana for friends in Ecuador.

Julius Konkell, a former serviceman, passed away recently after having retired in June. Julius was one of those rare people who always found time for extra projects, such as cleaning snow off the windshields. We do miss him!

Helena—Hdq.

—Bev Gibson—

The First Annual Helena Headquarters Fall Golf Classic was held the weekend of October 14-15 at both Helena golf courses. Due to adverse weather, only eight hardy entrants showed up. They placed as follows: Jay Duba, first; Bill LeRoux, second; Webb Bridges, third; Ace Schultz and Les Sodja, tie for fourth. The also-rans were Jack McCluskey, Grover Powers and Wayne Krebsbach.

Speaking of contests . . . the First Annual Fifth Floor Futility Race (one mile) was held Friday, Oct. 13th after work with seven entrants from the Traffic Design Unit. An easy winner was the "Turner Tornado" Greg Jackson with a time of 6:28.3 minutes. Half his size, but holding up well in second place was "Puffin'" Paul Poirier; they were followed by "Rocket" Rick Clabaugh, third; "Strag-Lynn" Stilger, fourth; "Dashing" Doug Morgan, fifth; "Hustlin'" Harry Lauer, sixth; and "Hot-Rod" Kirschman, who didn't finish at all.

Pictured is Bob Samson, public hearings unit, who bagged his first elk (a cow) with bow and arrow. Bob has been trying for the past four years to bag an elk, although

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he has successfully hunted mule deer, white tail deer, and black bear for the past 17 years, with a bow. His goal for next year is a bull elk. The cow elk totaled about 275 pounds in four quarters, backpacked ¾ of a mile, straight uphill. Bob's wife, and their son and wife were also on the hunting trip near Boulder.

Samson

George Reichelt, processing, is back at work after successful surgery in having a lung removed. Lillian Roberts, right of way utilities, is still hospitalized as a result of a stroke but is getting better.

Among the European tour travelers was Susan Boettger, utilities, who struck off on her own for a private tour of Europe. Susan found little difficulty with language or travel arrangements. She met many courteous people who helped her find her way, and in only one country did she have to squelch the importunities of gallant men. Susan stayed for several days with a family in Greece, whose daughter she knew in Helena.

Hank Dahl of motor pool, and his wife B. J., had a glorious 30-day vacation in Europe in October. The adventurous couple flew to Amsterdam, took a train down the Rhine to Zurich, then rented a car to see the Alps country. They emplaned to Vienna and then Athens, where they took a five-day ship tour of the Greek islands. They then flew to Rome, Madrid and Lisbon, again renting a car for a 10-day tour of Portugal and Spain. It must be hard to eome back to work after all that great scenery and experiences!

Rick Davenport, son of Lois, secretary to the director, has been named to the national workshop planning committee for the National Council on Children and Youth. This year he attended the workshop in Denver as a delegate from Montana. Next year he is helping plan the next workshop which will take place in Orlando, Fla. Rick is a Helena High School senior.

J. Riley Johnson, former Publie Information Director, and his wife, Roberta, visited briefly in Helena in mid-October. Riley still lives in Boise, Ida., where they own a restaurant and lounge in a downtown Boise hotel.

Margaret Ward, seeretary in maintenance, took some time off to have surgery. Glad to have her back.

Steve Weber, senior assistant chief, materials bureau, and his wife, Ramona, returned September 28 from a six-week overseas trip whieh centered in North Afriea and Germany. The Webers' daughter, Mrs. Heinz (Jeanette) Evermann, who lives in Tunis, reeently gave birth to a baby boy, which triggered the trip.

Steve says they flew from Calgary to Amsterdam, then hopped to Paris and Tunis. Their son-in-law then gave them a tour in North Afriea, which touehed on the Sahara desert. After three weeks, they boarded a ship to Sieily and Naples, then again by auto they toured Italy, Austria and Germany. They headquartered with Heinz' parents in Unna, Germany for nearly three weeks, before leaving for Luxembourg, Belgium and Holland and the flight home.

Holt, Lovely

These two bighorn rams were killed this fall in the unlimited area of southeast Montana. Jaek Holt (left) and Don Lovely of the data proeessing bureau were the lueky hunters. Jaek's whopper measures 38″ around the eurl, and Don's ram is 32½″ eurl.

Engine Fumes Endanger Owners Of Volkswagens

The Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffie Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued a Publie Advisory today to warn owners of pre-1963 Volkswagens that dangerous engine-fume problems may exist in these vehieles—espeeially in connection with the operation of the interior heating system—and to ask owners who have experienced s u e h engine-fume problems to eontact the NHTSA offices.

Douglas W. Toms, NHTSA Administrator, said that his agency's investigation of 1961-1969 model GM Corvairs which have the same type of heating system as that in the pre-1963 Volkswagen models, pointed up the need to evaluate the Volkswagens as well. Problems noted in the Amerieam-made heater systems, Toms said, indieate that the same fume problems may exist in the early Volkswagens which use the same basic design.

Toms further noted that while engine fume problems in pre-1963 Volkswagens could stem from any of several sourees, his agency's prime concern is the possible intrusion of exhaust fumes containing carbon monoxide, into the vehiele's passenger compartment — particularly if this happens as a result of the heater's use.

Owners of these vehicles are especially advised, in the event of noticeable engine-fume eontamination and odors, to seek repairs immediately, and until repairs ean be eompleted, to drive with one of the large s i d e windows opened far enough (at least one ineh) to give good ventilation.

As an important contribution to its ongoing investigation, the NHTSA urges owners of 1949-62 Volkswagens to report the details of any problems with engine fumes. Owners are reminded to inelude the model and year of their vehicles and to address their reports to: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Consumer Affairs, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590.

There may be nothing new under the sun, but with modern-day fashions, there's more showing.